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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated February 26, 1997, a petition for a three month extension of time and requisite fee being submitted herewith, kindly enter the following amendments and reconsider the application in view of the remarks below.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

After the Claims, please insert the Abstract.

-The invention relates to in vivo peripheralization of CD34⁺ cells by administering anti-VLA-4 antibodies or anti-VCAM-1 antibodies.--